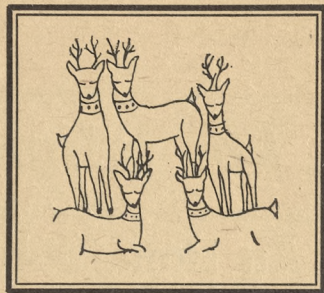




# The Pilot



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By Bonnie Breslin

## Conduct Traditional Ceremony



Arista Leaders. Standing: Paul Kramer, Treasurer; Judith Rizika, Secretary. Seated: Morris Kramer, Boy Leader; Mrs. Mary Catania, Faculty Adviser; Barbara Bold, Girl Leader.

## Morris to Study Law; Barbara Plans for B. A.

By Faye Natanblut

Do you want to meet a boy with plenty of personality? A boy who has the qualities and the character it takes to become Boy Leader of Arista? Then let me introduce you to Morris Kramer, who fulfills these qualifications admirably.

Morris, in addition to having the above-mentioned distinction, is a member of the G.O. Congress, the Menorah Club and the Senior Council. He is also president of the Minutemen and is an ardent Go-Getter.

### Hi-Fi Enthusiast

A senior with true senior spirit, Morris likes to collect records and dabble in photography. He says that he is strictly a rock-and-roll fan, and enjoys listening to hi-fi.

Vacations have been truly blissful for this senior. "Name any state, and I have been in it," he said with a smile. This past summer, spent in New England, was one he will never forget. He found Canada and Mexico also very enjoyable. Next year he is planning to assume the responsibilities of camp counselling.

### Dartmouth or Brandeis

Looking ahead a bit, Morris is keeping hopeful eyes on Dartmouth or Brandeis, one of which he hopes

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## Get Scholarships For French Study

Caroline Michaelson and Betty Ann Solomon, two seniors in French class 4A6, won one-year French study scholarships to the Centre d'Art Dramatique in New York.

These scholarship classes will meet one day per week and do concentrated work in French poetry and dramatics.

Said Mrs. Mary Catania, teacher of French 4A6, "Studying under Madame Eve Daniel, Director of the Centre d'Art Dramatique, will give these girls the same training they would receive if they studied in France."

By Heike DeBlasio

This dark-eyed beauty is wanted for being one of the nicest and most popular girls in Fort Hamilton. You may see her in the classrooms or in her headquarters, the Arista Office, for she is in the distinguished position of Girl Leader of Arista. Many responsibilities come with this title, but this versatile girl seems to have 36 hours in her day.

### Never a Dull Moment

Barbara conducts tutoring for those in need of it, organizes Arista parties, and presides at Arista Meetings. Her other "jobs" consist of being a Cheerleader, a member of the Senior Social Committee, a Pilot reporter, a clarinet player in the school band, and a participant in the Modern Dance Class.

Barbara has a "record" of twelve years of ballet training and nine

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## Iowa Test Set For January 19-22

During Regents week next month, January 19-22 inclusive, the Iowa Test of Educational Development will be administered to freshmen, incoming junior high school students, and all other first and second year students who did not take it last year.

The test will consist of hundreds of objective questions in nine areas of general education. The results will indicate the approximate status of each pupil in various common areas of learning.

The Iowa Test is neither an intelligence test nor an aptitude test, but an achievement test in English, arithmetic, history, science, reading, and vocabulary. The scores, in addition to other significant information in each student's record will be useful in indicating general areas of strength and weakness, and will be of value to subject teachers and to grade advisers in helping Hamiltonites plan their future wisely.

## Arista Welcomes 76 Candidates; 140 Enrolled in Honor Society

By Barbara Bold

Two weeks ago yesterday, 76 members were welcomed into Arista, the school honor society. Under the admiring eyes of parents, teachers, and students, the distinguished group proudly marched into the auditorium. The girls wore white dresses; the boys, dark suits.

Seated on stage were the 64 senior members of Arista, as well as Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal; Mrs. Mary Catania, Arista adviser; and Miss Janice Alberti, assistant Arista adviser.

### Conduct Traditional Ceremony

The traditional illumination ceremony was conducted by Morris Kramer, Boy Leader; Barbara Bold, Girl Leader; Judith Rizika, Secretary; and Paul Kramer, Treasurer. The central candle, representing the past members of Arista, was lighted by Paul. From this candle, Morris lit the light of Scholarship, Barbara the light of Service, and Judith the light of Character.

### Members Receive Pins

Mrs. Catania then administered the Arista oath, and the new members were presented to Mr. Leder. They ascended the stage and received their pins and Arista certificates from Barbara and Paul.

Said Charlotte Greenberg, as she expressed the sentiments of her fellow inductees, "It is a great honor to be accepted into Arista. I am very proud and I will always try to maintain its high standards."

Below are the names of the newly inducted Arista members and the old members.

### New Members

Lillian Abrahamsen, Charlotte Anderson, Arnold Andersen, Robert Angelson, Jacquelyn Appel, Ruth Applebaum, Linda Aylward, Anna Belland, Florence Beller, Ferdinand Buffa, Douglas Bumby, Athena Constantine, Mary Ann D'Agostino, Elizabeth Defina, Manuela Diaz, Joan Donnen.

Ann Marie Ekland, Bertrum Faerstein, Judith Gallo, Pamela Gersten, Richard Glasser, Charlotte Greenberg, Janet Hardiman, Peter Iannone, Jocelyn Jansen, Randi Joberg, Judith Arlene Johnsen, Phyllis Johnson, Ruth

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## Musicians and Choristers Present Festive Programs

By Judy Rizika

Beautiful, festive, awe-inspiring assemblies featured by the Music Department made Christmas a reality when the orchestra and mixed chorus performed for the freshmen and seniors, and the band, girls chorus, and boys chorus performed for the sophomores and juniors.

Two of the assemblies were held last week; one, yesterday; the fourth is scheduled for this morning.

### Orchestra, Mixed Chorus

Under the leadership of Mr. William Shine, the orchestra presented the "Procession of the Mastersingers" by Wagner; "Deck the Halls," a Welsh Air; "Christmas Tide"; and the "Syncopated Clock" by Anderson.

The mixed chorus, led by Mrs. Marie Salzberg, sang "Come Blessed Peace," "Sanctus" from *St. Cecilia Mass*; "Sing We All of Christmas" by Casner; and "Wade in De Water" by Talmage.

Mr. Gerald Heffron, the newest member of the Music Department, conducted the band in the "Traveller

Overture" by Buchtel, "Air for Band" by Ericson, "Little Rhapsody in Blue" by Gershwin, and "White Christmas" by Berlin.

### Boys Chorus Performs

The boys chorus, organized for the first time last year, and led by Mr. Herbert Lessell, Chairman of the Music Department, sang "Rock a My Soul" by Gilliam, the "Whiffenpoof Song," "Silent Night," by Gruber, and "There Is Nothing Like a Dame" by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The girls chorus, also under Mr. Lessell's leadership, sang "Gesu Bam-

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## Bowlers Miss Crown by Point

What is one point?

The Blue and White bowling team, Tuesday, December 9, faced three other borough title candidates for the city PSAL crown.

Brooklyn Tech, who had held the royal tiara for five straight years, had lost it to Coach Harry Flaster's boys by the score of 2010-1868. (Captain John Bailey, high scorer, bowled 223 points.) With this victory, Hamilton became the borough champs.

On December 9, as Brooklyn contender, the keggers defeated Haaren

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## Band Performs For Red Cross

The school band, under the direction of Mr. Gerald Heffron, a member of the Music Department, performed for the American Red Cross in the Brooklyn War Memorial, November 20.

The highlights of the program included a speech by Mr. Francis Saitta, Field Director of the Red Cross at the Norfolk Naval Base; the presentation of awards to members; and the playing of several melodious tunes by the band.

After the performance, Mr. William Mills, Assistant Dean of Boys, remarked, "I think you did a wonderful job tonight and I am very proud of you."

The selections played included *The Washington Post March*, *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Air for Band*, *The Traveller's Overture*, and the famous *Rhapsody in Blue*.

## Different Country—Different Christmas

By Pam Gersten

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house . . .

As Mr. Moon comes up on Christmas Eve, he gazes down on all the bright lights of many countries throughout the world. He sees France with Paris all aglow and people singing joyfully on the banks of the Seine. He knows, through years of experience, that New Year's, and not Christmas, is the big festival of the French year. On New Year's Day, jolly old St. Nicholas delivers another round of presents to all, and relatives gather together to dine and salute the newborn year.

### Santa Avoids the South

Mr. Moon turns slightly east and looks down on Germany where many Christmas traditions began. For three days during the holidays all work is suspended. When dusk falls on Christmas Eve, the streets empty and there is a general gathering around the family tree. Almost every home has a brilliantly decorated one with presents for all on a nearby table.

Gifts are exchanged, the family is merry, and good cheer prevails until a late hour.

Facing southward, Mr. Moon sees sunny Italy where Christmas is more of a festival for grownups than for children. On Christmas Eve the family sits down to a supper which excludes meat, for Christmas Eve is a fast day. Italian children expect their gifts not on Christmas Day but at Epiphany, January 6, which commemorates the three Magi who came to the manger in Bethlehem, bearing presents of gold. A kindly

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## Season's Greetings (Foreign Language Department)

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année!  
Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr!  
Felices Pascuas de Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo!  
Hilare Festum Nativitatis Christi et Felicem Annum Novum!



## The Editors Say...

### An Honorable Ceremony

The audience had an unusual appearance on December 3: there were many splashes of white among the more usual somber colors, and an air of tense excitement, despite the solemnity. The occasion was the annual Arista installation, as four per cent of the student body participated in the traditional ceremony.

Arista is the school honor society, a member of the National Honor Society, which recognizes outstanding scholarship, service, and character. The actual requirements for admission are an 85% average, service to the school, membership in extra-curricular activities, and teachers' recommendations. Beginning next September, cafeteria service will also be required.

When weighing the merits of applicants, colleges consider Arista members quite favorably. Therefore this honor society is a real goal for the college-bound. However, students who obviously become "joiners" in order to be admitted are easily detected by their sudden activity in the fifth term, and are eliminated. Students who serve sincerely, not merely for their own honor, are preferred as Arista members.

To the freshmen and sophomores, we say good luck; we know that many of you will become members in the not too distant future. The limitation to four per cent always makes the judicious choice of new candidates difficult.

And to the new members, congratulations!

### Is It Worth It?

Plugging along (forgive the coined expression) while the slush creeps into our fur-lined boots, we wonder, is it worth it? Do these brief twelve days of "vacation" deserve all the struggle?

We creep wearily to the library, day after day, trying to finish that interminable term paper due January 5, and we get splashed by a speeding truck, stepped on by tired people "on vacation," and very discouraged in the process. Furthermore, we realize that the battle with our allowance has been lost—we just cannot stretch five dollars into twenty-seven gifts and six boxes of Christmas cards, especially with conscience-haunting cans labeled "Give" smiling at us from every street corner.

Do we get our needed rest? The gay, convivial spirit of holiday celebration wanes about 3 A.M., and we crawl to bed, only to be awakened five hours later by our chipper mothers who announce that our unfavorable aunts and uncles will arrive within the hour. We smile stoically, achieve the vertical, and note the weather—another grey, cold winter day.

Hmmm. Is it worth it? Very definitely! Is there any other way by which we could survive the 188 school days between September and June?

## Magazine-Wise

By Jacquelyn Appel

Note: All of the periodicals referred to are in the school library.

History students interested in the current situation in the Middle East might consult the November 1958 issue of *National Geographic Magazine*. In it is an article entitled "The Arab World," which discusses the history and people of the area. There are also a map and twenty pictures.

The November 1958 issue of *Mademoiselle* has a section devoted to the gold evening and dress wear which will be worn this winter.

Boys interested in electronics can build their own hi-fidelity stereo amplifier if they follow the directions given in the November 1958 issue of *Popular Mechanics*.

Girls who are searching for a good college would be interested in reading an amusing article entitled "Sarah Lawrence" in last month's *Harper's*.

Students interested in current affairs might enjoy reading "Hawaii: Case for our 50th State," which appears in the current *Reader's Digest*.

Pupils in biology and chemistry classes can find an informative article in the November issue of *Popular Science*. It deals with chemicals that are being developed to make the brain perform at its maximum efficiency.

## Language Head Enjoys Writing, Skating, Music

By Margaret Moore

Recently instated as Chairman of the Language Department, Mr. Max Zeldner is rapidly becoming acquainted with Fort Hamilton High.

This gentleman, who is beginning to feel quite at home here, previously taught at Christopher Columbus and William Howard Taft High Schools, at Queens College, and at the graduate school of Yeshiva University. He received his B.S. from New York University and his M.A. from Columbia, and has done graduate work at Harvard. He has completed all the courses necessary for his Ph.D.

### Writes Numerous Articles

An active writer, this energetic man has contributed articles to *High Points*, *The German Quarterly*, *The Jewish Spectator*, *The Jewish Book Annual*, *School and Society*, *The Modern Language Journal*, and Hebrew periodicals. He is co-author of a text, *Modern Hebrew Literature*, used in colleges and in the senior year of high school.



Obviously the master of several foreign languages, Mr. Zeldner, who traveled through Europe by auto in a small French Simca last year, was able to converse with the people of Holland, Belgium, France, Austria, Switzerland, and Israel. "In England," he said laughingly, "I had the least trouble with the language." He also learned a moderate amount of Italian while traveling through Italy. Al-

though he teaches three French classes here, he confessed that French is not one of his major languages.

### Has Other Interests

Mr. Zeldner also enjoys skating, square and folk dancing, and music of the Mozart-Beethoven variety, and is an aficionado of opera and concerts. He is especially proud of his two beautiful daughters.

In the short period in which he has been here, Mr. Zeldner has formed a decidedly favorable opinion of the school. He finds the students, in general, well behaved, polite and neat; the girls "pretty and intelligent"; and the faculty wonderful.

### i am confused

i want to be the first to congratulate me  
what have i done to deserve it  
the poor guy turned into a cockroach  
what did he do to deserve it  
lets all be lemmings  
like typical new yorkers  
and go down to the sea  
even though

its a cold autumn day  
my dear ive got the choicest gossip  
its all about the kids on the next block  
oh dear i just got a letter  
its from the sikeatrik organization  
they want me for observation  
well this isnt choiceful so ill  
say unhello  
and  
go  
quietly

oops i escaped for a moment  
they wont let me have pencil and  
paper  
or sharp things  
they keep chasing me  
the butterflies that is  
if they let me come home soon  
ill tell you about it  
all white and green and chromy  
its unnice and unbad  
theyre all confused  
so am i

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### Ah, Love . . .

To be in love is merely to be in a state of perpetual anaesthesia.

H. L. Mencken

## Round About

By Jacquelyn Appel

Question: How do you account for the fact that there are more girls than boys on the Honor Roll in Fort Hamilton?

Pamela Ventra, 2B8:

At the high school age level, girls are further advanced mentally than boys. However, as boys grow older they catch up.

Jose Martinez, 4B12:

Boys participate in more outside activities than girls; therefore, girls have more time to devote to books than boys do.

Marilyn Obadia, 1B14:

Girls put more effort into their school work and thus get better results.

Louis Lizardi, 3C25:

Don't blame me! I'm new in the school.

Chris Pallas, 3C24:

Girls take their school work more seriously than boys, but boys are just as intelligent.

Janet Hardiman, 4A13:

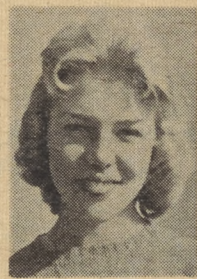
Girls seem to find a deeper satisfaction in intellectual achievements than boys do, and thus work harder for higher marks.



## Backwash

By Karen Swenson

Ebenezer Stoopnagle woke up one fine morning in mid-December, sat up, looked around him, and stopped to contemplate. Something was different. There was a strange but familiar feeling in the air, and Ebenezer struggled to recognize it. Had the plumbing backed up again? Was his mother over-cooking his Quaker Oats? Rejecting these possible explanations with the speed and precision of a dim-witted two-year-old, Ebenezer threw on a bauble and a bangle, and sprinted down the stairs in imitation of his favorite Olympic star.



### Family Reunion

Ebenezer untangled himself from the position in which he had landed, and looked dazedly around. There were his father, his mother, his sister Olive, and his dog Oedipus, all hard at work in a vague semblance of assembly-line procedure. His mother was writing cheery little messages on cards, his father addressed envelopes, and Olive handed Oedipus stamps to lick and place on the sealed letters. They were all very pleased with their efficiency until several days later when their friends began to complain about the empty envelopes they had received, and when the Post Office sent back the cards all stamped, but with no envelopes.

### Jingle Bells

Now Ebenezer knew what the strange feeling in the air was! Christmas was coming! A lump formed at the pit of his stomach. He raced upstairs to count his money! Fifty-three cents and a bottle-top. "Oh, well, it's not the gift that counts, just the thought behind it," he muttered, furiously weaving potholders and carving letter openers while dreaming of the hi-fi set and portable typewriter he expected to receive.

The weeks flew by. The Christmas spirit had even pervaded the atmosphere in school. Ebenezer's father asked what he was doing in the institution of learning, and when Ebenezer enumerated on his grubby fingers useful little items, such as how to sing *Jingle Bells* in Russian, the man merely grunted and nodded. But in June, Ebenezer's father would be uttering fluently profane bursts of rhetoric on why wasn't his son being taught right?

On Christmas Eve, the family made an excursion to the Christmas-tree lot. Here they had their choice of over a hundred trees, each surpassing the previous one in manginess and scarcity of needles. They paid the exorbitant price asked for, and dragged one happily home, unaware of the trail of hastily glued-on branches they had left in their wake.

### Cause for Rejoicing

They decorated the tree with candy canes, tinsel, rags, tincans—you know, the usual stuff—and after leaving a cupful of bottled happiness for Santa, the Stoopnagles trooped happily off to bed.

Christmas Day dawned bright and clear, and, naturally, Olive was the only one up. "Merry Christmas, Ebenezer," she chirped into his ear. He cheerily heaved a pillow at her and went back to bed until noon, when he finally mustered enough courage to face the world. He edged downstairs, looked, blinked, and looked again. He had expected presents, but this was wonderful. Not one! Now he would have no thank you-notes to write and no horribly patterned neckties to wear. Ebenezer sat down under the tree, and blissfully whispered, "God bless us, every one." Suddenly he burst into tears.

## The Other Side

Sometimes a neighbor whom we may have disliked a lifetime for his arrogance and conceit lets fall a single commonplace remark that shows us another side, another man, really; a man uncertain, and puzzled, and in the dark like ourselves.

Willa Cather



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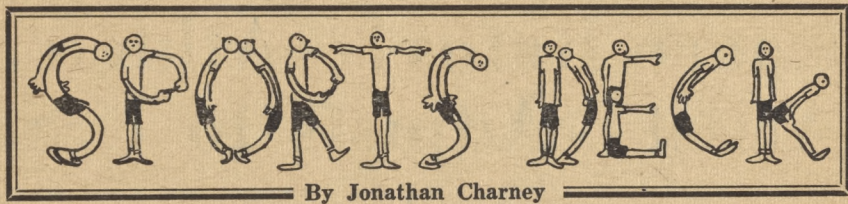
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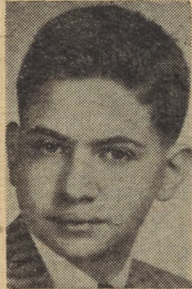


By Jonathan Charney

"Veni, Vidi, Vici" will be the new bearing depicted on the quintet's escutcheon, for the team went on to victory in the two major games of the season.

In its second game against St. Michael's, held in the gym of the new Xaverian High School on the Shore, the Blue and White basketball team returned the conquering hero. The Fort jumped off to a quick 5-2 lead, with Gavin scoring all five points. Then, losing its lead and trailing St. Michael's until late in the third quarter, it rebounded with Gerald Gavin's brilliant playing.

Scoring a layup, then a foul, our tall, lanky center made the winning point to put Hamilton ahead with the score of 34-33. The Fort, maintaining its advantage, built up an eleven point lead late in the fourth quarter and won 51-46.



Mizhir Scores 18 Points In the Fort's first game against St. Michael's, Hamilton immediately jumped to an advantageous 5-0 lead. Howie Bass pepped the team, scoring nine points in the first quarter. The Fort never fell behind, and led 40-25 at the half. At one time, extending the lead to nineteen points, it won 67 to 59. Mizhir scored eighteen points, Bass 14, and Russo 10.

#### Gavin, Barnek Outstanding

In the second St. Michael's game, Gavin swept the boards and put in basket after basket to end the game with a staggering twenty-nine points. Barnek scored twenty-eight points against Brooklyn Tech in an earlier game.

The Track Team opened its season Saturday, December 6, with its first PSAL relay. The team consisted of four of the following men: Captain Mike Tartamella, Larry Lynch, Steve Shama, Helmuth Mainardy, Kirk Beck and Vic Gerkins.

At the Bishop Laughlin meet, 120 schools competed and forty Fort Hamilton cindermen participated.

## Assemblies

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bine" by Yon, "My Little Banjo" by Dichmont, and "Panis Angelicus" by Franck.

In the words of Mr. Lessell, "Students and teachers in the Music Department have worked very hard to present these assemblies. We hope that they were greatly enjoyed and that they helped put everyone in a holiday spirit."

## Keglers Bowl 9-1 for Season

For the second year in a row, the Blue and White Bowling Team has finished the season with the PSAL sectional championship. Mr. Harry Flaster, kegler coach, proudly said that the team beat every school in its section at least once. The boys wound up with a 9-1 record, their one loss at the hands of Lafayette.

Six men comprise the first team, and their final averages are as follows: Captain John Railey, 158; Robert Buhl, 161; Tom Bianco, 168; Edwin Stahlecker, 173, Robert Moneypenny 163; and Joe Caliendo, 163.

#### Stahlecker Sparks Team

The second team consists of Ray Fontaine, Richard Aurello, John Rafaniello, and James Nolan. Edwin Stahlecker, the anchor man, sparked the team this season and will be available for the 1959 bowling year. The averages, for high school bowling, were very high, and every member of the first team made the individual city playoffs. The School Borough Championships were played December 5. The Intramural Tournaments will soon be held for all boys in Fort Hamilton.

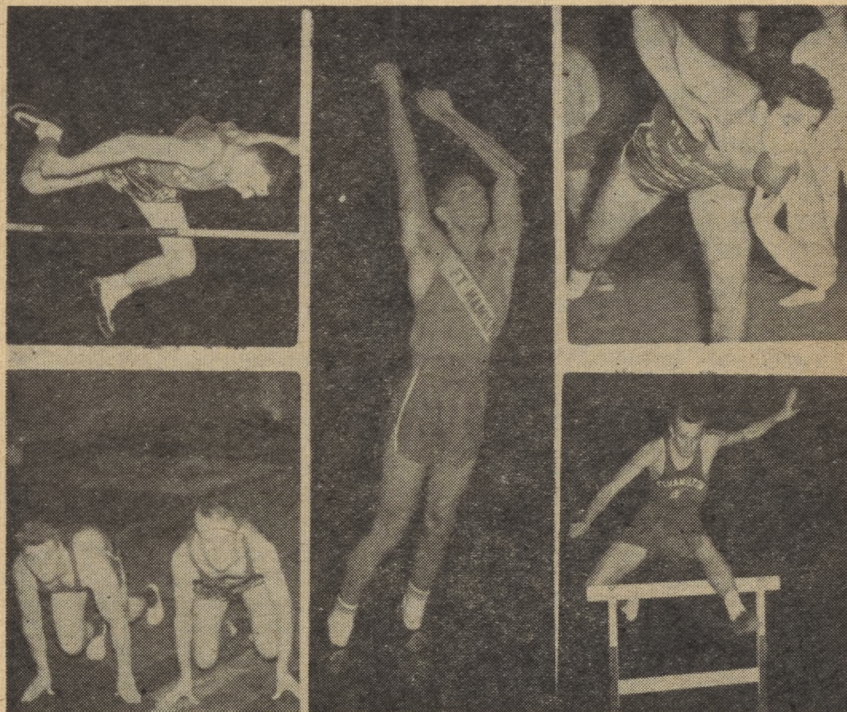
Mr. Flaster is training newcomers now, and one of them will be chosen to fill the gap when senior Captain John Railey leaves in June. Otherwise, the team will not be hit hard by graduation, and the coach feels that the bowlers will do even better next year.

## Trombonist Plays In City Orchestra

Henry Schmidt, 4B16, plays first trombone in the All-City Orchestra. He is also a member of the National Orchestral Society, a brass ensemble in Greenwich Village, and a church choir.

In school, he plays with the band and orchestra, and is music director of the senior show, among other activities.

## Action in the Gym



Photos by Bob Chartrand

Upper left: Bob Chartrand high jumping; lower left: Barney Goldfinger and Ed Thomson starting; center: Captain Mike Tartamella pole vaulting; upper right: John Mongelli throwing the shot; lower right: Bob Cusack doing the high hurdles.

## A Neat Bit of Maneuvering



Lloyd Monsen, Hamilton alumnus, shows how to get in there first with the most.

## Alumnus Performs With American All-Star Team

By Kenneth Siple

Lloyd Monsen graduated from Fort Hamilton in 1949. Since then he has become one of the best known soccer players in the country. He developed an interest in this sport after taking a year out of school for a visit to his grandparents in Norway. Over there everybody plays soccer.

On his return he gave up varsity basketball and baseball, though by doing so he also passed up a possible chance to become a major league baseball player. His next step was to join the school's soccer team, then coached by Mr. Robert Bedell.

#### Performed in Olympics

After graduation he entered the Army, and while in Germany, led the 4th Artillery Division baseball and basketball teams to sectional championships in the army leagues. Lloyd "caught the boat" headed for the 1952 and 1956 Olympics. He has played with the American all-star team that toured Ireland, England, and Scotland. With other all-star teams from the United States, he visited Canada twice and Ireland once.

"Soccer isn't my regular occupation," Lloyd says. "The games are played only on Sundays. I work the rest of the week at a guided missile

## Girls Organize Tennis Club

The Girls Tennis Club, under the direction of Mrs. Janet Seidler, is composed of seventeen girls, most of whom are beginners. When the weather is favorable, the members meet at 3 o'clock on Monday and Friday in the girls' section of the athletic field.

The purpose of the club is to enable beginners to learn the basic strokes and rules.

Newcomers interested in joining should consult with the adviser.

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## Six Harriers Win Medals; Gerkins Excels

By Kenneth Siple

At the annual Bay Ridge Cross-Country Championship meet, inaugurated this fall, the junior varsity harriers suffered their one defeat. Xaverian was the opponent, and both the varsity and junior varsity placed second. The team trophy went to Xaverian, but Victor Gerkins and Robert Lundgren took medals in the varsity and junior varsity competitions. The Blue and White Team is coached by Mr. Francis Ptak.

In the PSAL championships the team captured eighteenth place out of 480 runners from 56 schools. The junior varsity placed ninth among 430 boys from 43 school in the same meet.

#### 6 Win Medals

A triangular meet with Port Richmond and Curtiss produced medal winners. The varsity took second, with Larry Lynch, Victor Gerkins, Marty Shwam, and John Carlson winning the medals. Steve Shama and Steve Crone won medals for the JV team, coming in first in their division.

In a quadrangular meet with Lafayette, New Utrecht, and Poly Prep, the varsity came in second, the JV's first. Medals went to Victor Gerkins, varsity; and George Asheneller, Carl Larsen, and Robert Perrin, junior varsity.

Another triangular meet, this time with St. Peters and Xaverian, ended with the varsity in third, JV's in first.

The schoolboy record for the 2½ mile cross-country course is 15:01, and was set in Van Cortlandt Park. Victor Gerkins ran the same course in 14:56, and Steve Shama and Steve Crone, two sophomores, did it in 15:11 and 15:19, respectively.

## Bowling Team

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(Manhattan contender) and Monroe (Bronx); but they were nosed out—and a short nose it was!—by one point. Forest Hills, Queens contender, was the victor. The score: 2047-2046!

The members of the Brooklyn bowling champions are as follows: Bob Buhl, John Railey, Tom Bianco, Edwin Stahlecker, Robert Moneypenny, Joe Caliendo, Ray Fontaine, Richard Aurello John Raffaniello, and James Nolan. Bob Buhl was high scorer.

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# Library Squad Renders Valuable Service Daily

By Jocelyn Jansen

Did you ever wonder what the members of the Library Squad do? Curiosity got the better of your reporter, and she decided to look into the matter.

Essentially, the job of these valuable assistants is to help in every possible way to give the best services to students and teachers so that they can obtain the material they need.

## Beehive of Activity

The library is under the supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth S. McClenahan, Mrs. Ella Rodemann, and Mrs. Lila Zeiger. It is a beehive of activity, since it serves 3500 students and over 150 faculty members, and involves numerous service jobs.

Judy Poulos, a sophomore, is an important desk clerk; it is her duty to stamp books in and out and collect the overdue charge from students who have been remiss. Judy, who has worked in the library for two years, will continue working there through her senior year, as will many other members of the squad. Other library assistants include the magazine room attendant, the shelving clerk, and the receptionist.

## Lost and Found

The library also runs a "Lost and Found" Department. Upon entering this vault containing the "lost treasures" of Fort Hamiltonites, your reporter was confronted with a variety of material, from pocketbooks and rings of keys to an immense box of jackets and sweaters.

Flavia Rando, 3C27, guardian of the Lost and Found, remarked, "Once

## Form Advanced Science Club

An advanced science club has been formed to help scientifically-minded students prepare for college.

The chemistry meetings, held on Wednesdays after school, are conducted by science teacher Mr. Max Zakon; the physics meetings, held on Fridays, by Mr. George Kantsroom, Chairman of the Physical Science Department. The groups meet in room 106.

The club is conducted as an ordinary class, with lectures, demonstrations, and experiments. It is open to all who have an interest in science, a proficiency in math, and a willingness to devote time to the subject.

a notebook belonging to one of our English teachers even landed here."

Mrs. Rodemann concluded, "In Fort Hamilton today, there is great stress on service. If you want to see some real service in action, come to the library!"

## Boy Leader

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to attend after graduation in June. Practicing law will be his goal after college.

Morris's interests in school subjects lie mainly in the field of history, although he finds English enjoyable too.

Your reporter can easily vouch for the fact that this senior is a very busy person. It took her two days to corner him for an interview, and as soon as it was completed, he dashed off to an Arista meeting. Anyone who is that active is bound to accomplish his major objectives in life.

## 21 Students Keep G.O. Store Active

During the fourth, fifth, and sixth periods daily, twenty-one capable students work diligently in the G.O. Store, under the supervision of Mr. Alfred Berkowitz.

These students perform a number of duties connected with selling and managing.

Lois Gaudio, 4A15; Howard Ross, 3A5; and Mona Ballan, 4B10, manage the store during the fourth, fifth, and sixth periods, respectively.

Mr. Berkowitz, who has directed the G.O. Squad for three years, frequently chooses students from his own merchandising classes so that they may gain store experience. His staff, he says, is completely trustworthy and reliable.

## 3 New English Teachers Enjoy Work at Hamilton

By Deborah Pisetzner

Three young, attractive teachers were added to the English Department this year: Miss Marlene E. Goodman, Mrs. Francesca Rea, and Miss Mary Ann Shaw.

Miss Goodman, who says that she has a special interest in the field of English, became a teacher because of her genuine liking for young people. She received her B.A. at Cornell University and is now taking her master's at Brooklyn College. Miss Goodman has a number of hobbies of which her favorites are reading, tennis, and swimming.

## Mrs. Rea

If there is one word applicable to Mrs. Rea, it is variety. She attended six different colleges before receiving her B.A. in foreign languages, among them Columbia, N.Y.U., and two in Connecticut.

Afterwards she went cross-country to the University of Southern California, where she met the man who soon became her husband. Off they went to New Mexico. Before moving to New York, Dr. and Mrs. Rea stayed in Oregon for a while. She has also visited the South Seas.

## Miss Shaw

Miss Shaw became a teacher of speech because she felt that this subject is too much neglected in our daily lives. She wants to foster in her students an appreciation for correct speaking habits. As might be expected, she loves modern poetry, the theater, and all other forms of dramatic art. She also likes the beach—even in winter.

Miss Shaw attended Marymount College in New York City.

## Lloyd Monsen

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dents are to take. "They usually know what's best for the students, educationally speaking, because they've had the benefit of years of experience."

## Bowls a 245

Lloyd's hobbies are photography and bowling, though he refers to the latter as "an extra-curricular activity." His highest game was a 245. "I have a trophy home to prove it," he said happily.

He married a graduate of Bay Ridge High four years ago and they have an eight-month-old son. "He is not going to play soccer," Lloyd declares with finality.

## Electrical Squad Sparks Activities

The Electrical Squad, under the supervision of Mr. David Cohen, is a vital factor in the success of varsity shows, musicales, PTA meetings, and assembly programs.

The staff is in charge of lighting, sound, and other special effects. Not only do the boys work with spotlights and amplifiers, but they assist in repairing electrical equipment, take care of the flag used in assembly programs, and help with the sets for the various shows.

The members of the squad are: Richard Tomasetti, 4B14; Marvin Schmier, 4A5; Arthur Wiessner, 3B3; Edward DeLorenzo, 3B14; Richard Berman, 3A3; Barry Hirshfield, 3A13; Paul Haggard, 3B2; Peder Gundersen, 2A17; Robert Peterson 2B12; and Steven Shama, 2B8.

Students who would like to join the squad are invited to leave their names with Mr. Cohen.

## Learn From Ants!

Ants are very clean insects. They keep their bodies spotless, including their antennae. Ants will also clean and massage other ants.

# Kaare Rafoss - - Athlete, Artist - - Adjusts to U.S.

By Pam Gersten

From the "Land of the Midnight Sun" to the eastern shores of the United States came Norwegian-born Kaare Rafoss, 3A9.

Since his arrival here three years ago, Kaare has made many friends and has acclimated himself well to the various procedures of Fort Hamilton—procedures quite different from those of the schools in Norway.

## Learned Soccer in Norway

In his freshman year, Kaare became an outstanding member of the varsity soccer team. He acquired his athletic prowess in Norway by playing on local city teams.

This junior is a very versatile person. Not only is he an active soccer player, but he is a talented artist as well. As a member of Miss Dick's major art class, he has been occupied in beautifying the lobby and halls of the school. During the first few weeks of September his work was on display in one of the show cases in the main lobby. In October he participated in the Bay Ridge Annual Halloween Art Contest. At present, he is working on some of the illustrations to appear in the *Anchor*, the school literary magazine.

## To Be Commercial Artist

When very young, he and his older sister took a trip to Sweden. On his way to the United States he stopped in Canada for several days.

Besides being busy with extra-curricular activities, this ambitious Hamiltonite is an academic student in good standing. He plans to further his education at Pratt Institute, where he will study commercial art and advertising.

## English Chairman To Leave 'High Points'

Next month Mr. Jerome Carlin, Chairman of the English Department, will terminate his associate editorship of *High Points*, a publication of the Board of Education. This will enable him to devote more time to writing English textbooks. He has already published eight volumes.

## Mr. Moon

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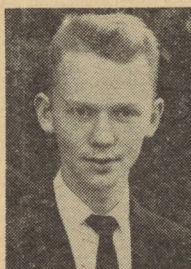
old lady called Befana is in the minds of Italian boys and girls as Christmas nears; for there is no Santa Claus, snow or reindeer in Italy. These are found in the North Pole, not in the sun-bathed lands of the Mediterranean. Befana flies in through the window which is left open and puts her presents near a manger which the children have rigged up. For bad children, Befana brings only charcoal.

To the east, Mr. Moon views Russia where Christmas carols are sung and trees are trimmed and decorated like those in America. There is no Santa Claus in Russia; there is a similarity between Santa and Grandfather Frost, but no one believes that he makes the toys. The children know that the toys come from their parents. On Christmas Day the families hold happy reunions, with parties for the children.

## Finnish Steam Bath

North of Russia, Mr. Moon sees Finland where the Christmas festivities are preceded by a visit to the *sauna*, the Finnish steam bath. On Christmas Eve the tree is decorated with fruits, and candies and gifts are distributed. The children do not hang up stockings, but Santa comes himself, accompanied by his half-dozen elves. Christmas Day is a day of family visits, and the festivities continue for two more days.

And so Mr. Moon looks east, west, north, and south; sees all the joyous celebrations, and wishes that he too could be among the merry-makers.



## Girl Leader

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years of piano, which make her quite an accomplished person. As for her favorite school subjects, an English honor class heads the list, with history and French following close behind.

In her non-school life, Barbara enjoys swimming, tennis, horseback riding, and dancing, and goes all out for comet sailing. This, she explained, is the operation by two people of a large craft with two sails. In her few spare moments (where does she find them?) she listens to jazz, but not exclusively, and to the vocals of the "Hi-Lo's."

## To Hood College, Maryland

When she has finished her "stretch" here, Barbara plans to pursue a liberal arts course at Hood College, Maryland. She has not yet decided on any particular career, but has filed applications with Mary Washington College, Virginia, and Cedar Crest, Pennsylvania. Her scholastic record is glowing and hard-earned, and her record for the future will be even more wonderful, if beauty, personality, and ideals are any indication.

## Arista

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Joos, Douglas Kalesh. Tania Khodjamirian, Robert Khouri, Walter Lassen, Carol Ann Laub, Marion LeFande, Alan Levin, Elaine Lotz, Susan Macris, Carl Marchisotto, Jerome Massimino, Gerald McIntyre, Sharon Mecca, Mary Millis, Virginia Minor, Josephine Montalbano, Florence Nason.

Faye Natanblut, Eileen Olsen, Sonja Olsen, Enid Oppenheimer, Elvira Patsakos, Deborah Pisetzner, Phyllis Quartararo, Carol Anne Rabe, Flavio Rando, Janet Ray, Virginia Ridd, Maria Roselli, Joyce Rosenbaum, Maxine Sacks, Charles Schoenmann.

Valerie Scioscia, Judith Solmonoff, Belinda Speight, Fred Strobel, Karen Swenson, Marge Takvam, Linda Tonnessen, Nancy Truscott, Mildred Tryland, Anthony Tumolo, Blanche Usaitis, Christina Vignec, Peter Wallen, Renate Wenzlow, John Yellen.

## Old Members

Charlene Alekel, Joan Amatucci, Carolyn Anderson, Hans Aus, Julia Avramides, Carol Barbera, Antoinette Bavaro, Barbara Brautman, Bonnie Breslin, Barbara Bold, Arthur Broder, Arthur Cadorine, Dorothy Cali, Jonathan Charney, Barbara Cohn, Dominick DiMauro.

Marcia Eisele, Elizabeth Fasano, Janet Gehshan, Donald Goer, Virginia Gordy, Dolores Grieco, Winfried Hansen, Henry Heise, Amy Hittner, Ellen Hoft, Barbara Jenkins, Anne Johnson, Jonathan Kamin, Julia Klein, Morris Kramer.

Paul Kramer, Ruth Livingston, Genevieve Lumia, Sandra Margolis, Mara Milgravis, Ruth Moedinger, Margaret Moore, Brenda Mudgett, Carol Nicholas, Sandra Nisco, Virginia Nisco, Arleen Pedersen, Linda Primavera, Mary Ann Radice, Andris Rasmanis.

Judy Rizika, Cecily Rosenzweig, Maxine Rosenzweig, Clare Scheck, Henry Schmidt, Betty Ann Solomon, Paula Scalfani, Harold Skilbred, Herbert Sohl, Joseph Tavalacci, Kenneth Torp, Ann Triefeldt, Mary Turano.

Elaine Villias, Virginia Wardell, Carol Willson, Virginia Yancey, Gail Zolnier.

# 100% G.O.

NOTE: All senior classes have 100% G.O.

Priority	Class	Teacher	Date	Representatives
1.	2J23	Mr. Drucker	Sept. 11	Tom DeChicchio—Mary Ann Saponaro
2.	2J27	Mr. Dounis	Sept. 11	Irene Cavanna
3.	3A9	Mrs. Salzberg	Sept. 12	Mike Phillips
4.	3B18	Miss Monsen	Sept. 12	Charles Schwenk—Carol Menes
5.	2BJ20	Mr. Greenberg	Sept. 13	Sheldon Greenberg—Ingrid Pettersen
6.	2J28	Mrs. Frischberg	Sept. 13	Beverly Heise—Kirsten Fagerland
7.	3A1	Miss Gennaro	Sept. 22	Kathy Knihinicki
8.	3A13	Mr. Jacobsen	Sept. 23	Fred Strobel—Joyce Andres
9.	3C24	Mrs. Rabe	Sept. 23	John Lund
10.	1B10	Mrs. Sullivan	Sept. 23	Eileen Gazerwitz
11.	2AJ19	Mr. Sachey	Sept. 26	Marcia Bloom—Lilybeth Gadde
12.	3C27	Mrs. Morrison	Sept. 26	Gerald Maddalone
13.	3B10	Mr. Ragusa	Oct. 1	Ruth Applebaum—Helen Wylie
14.	3A7	Mrs. Seidler	Oct. 1	Vincent Rizzo—Annette Channel
15.	2B10	Mr. Felder	Oct. 1	Beverly Schaudel
16.	3B14	Mrs. Azzara	Oct. 1	Chris Kaas—Tom Lynch
17.	3A19	Mr. Kern	Oct. 2	Enid Oppenheimer—Walter Lassen
18.	1B14	Miss Shaw	Oct. 2	Maria Amico—Marie Delagaro
19.	3B8	Mrs. Bloom	Oct. 3	Barry Levine—Susan Macris
20.	2A3	Miss O'Keefe	Oct. 3	Marilyn Ryan
21.	3B16	Miss Riccobono	Oct. 6	Virginia Berardi
22.	2B18	Miss Rea	Oct. 7	Pamela Ventra—Warren Kearns
23.	1B18	Miss Kelly	Oct. 9	Carol Mendizzi
24.	3A3	Mr. Schapiro	Oct. 9	Eleanor Larsen—Maryann D'Agostino
25.	1B6	Miss Satin	Oct. 9	Chris Lynch—Ann Masin
26.	2A7	Mrs. DiSibio	Oct. 10	Karen Ladanowsky—Glenn Baroman
27.	3C25	Mr. Goldstein	Oct. 10	Linda Donnelly—James Budd
28.	2J24	Mr. Flaster	Oct. 14	Michael Franz—Edith Hoffman
29.	3B2	Miss Tilliss	Oct. 17	Marilyn Arato
30.	2J25	Mr. Crowe	Oct. 17	Elinore Berg—Frank DeLuka
31.	2B16	Mr. Ger	Oct. 20	Beverly Davis—Robert Maxwell
32.	3C26	Mr. La Grasse	Oct. 22	Anita Andersen
33.	3A15	Mr. Krinsky	Oct. 22	Carol Skowronski—Howard Seiter
34.	3C21	Mr. Albert	Oct. 29	Ozzie Bergstad—Margie Miller
35.	2J26	Miss Miller	Nov. 6	Michael Del Seni—Irene Pedersen
36.	1A11	Mr. Hammer	Nov. 10	Carol Chiaino—Harry Christensen
37.	3A17	Mr. Mahedy	Nov. 10	Pat Olsen—Diane Svarrer
38.	1A5	Miss Keely	Nov. 14	Susan Houtman